

PALOMAR AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Thursday, August 16, 2012
AGENDA ITEM #7

REVISE COUNTY POLICY F-44
DEVELOPMENT OF MCCLELLAN-PALOMAR AIRPORT

BACKGROUND

County Policy F-44 "Development of McClellan-Palomar Airport" was adopted by the Board of Supervisors in 1982 to serve as a land use plan supplement to optimize airport use while minimizing noise impacts to the surrounding community. This was prior to the adoption of the recently updated Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan. The policy has been routinely revised over the years, most recently in 2010. The policy includes restrictions on commercial airliners with respect to noise levels and number of seats that are not allowed per FAA policy. The recommended policy changes will remove these restrictions and better integrate with the adopted airport land use plan.

PROPOSED REVISIONS

Staff is proposing to amend Board Policy F-44. The proposed changes (attached) to the policy include:

- Update language to reference Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (ALUCP), Airport Influence Area (AIA). San Diego County Regional Airport Authority (SDCRAA)
- Changed Background Section explain role of with Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan
- Changed Section #2 to remove limitation on number of passengers on commercial flights to no more than 70 passengers.
- Changed, Section #2 to also remove specific references to existing runway threshold and length

The proposed revisions would allow commercial airlines, such as proposed California Pacific Airlines, to use aircraft that hold more than 70 passengers but only if they can do so safely, as determined by the FAA. However, even with these revisions, existing Palomar Airport facilities will never support large commercial jets such as those used at San Diego International. The proposed revisions will be consistent with existing FAA and State regulations.

RECOMMENDED MOTION

"Palomar Airport Advisory Committee recommends that the Board of Supervisors approve the proposed revisions to County Board Policy F-44."